

Worldwide Opportunities on Organic Farms—USA... **WWOOF!**

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accurate information on WWOOFing in the locale of your choice. This article highlights a local WWOOF farm in Emigrant, Montana.

WWOOF-USA is a proud member of the Federation of WWOOF Organizations, a democratic group with more than 40 national WWOOF members. For more information on the Federation, or on WWOOFing in other countries, please visit WWOOF.net.

exchanged between hosts and WWOOFers.

The WWOOF-USA Host Farm Directory lists 2,386 organic farms (not necessarily USDA certified organic) and gardens across the country. Any farm, community or garden project using organic methods that would like to participate in a cultural and educational exchange may join the program. Anyone 18 or older, regardless of experience, may participate.

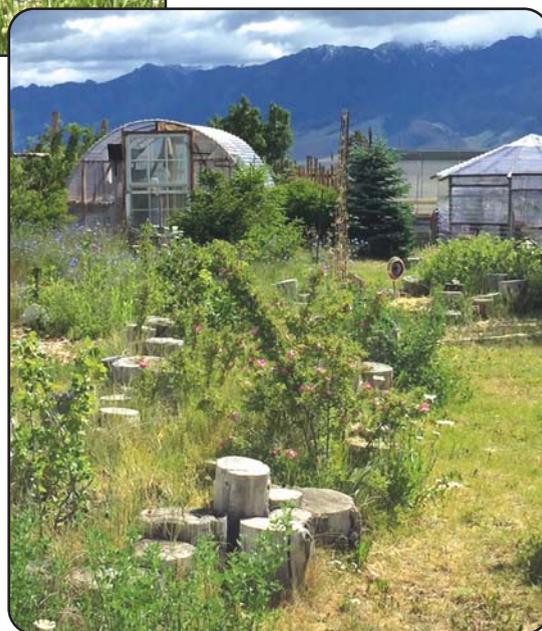
WWOOF farms offer a variety of educational opportunities, including growing vegetables, beekeeping, building straw bale houses, working with animals, making wine, and much more. With farms in all 50 states, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, there is something for everyone.

THE SNOWBIRD AGRICULTURAL LAND TRUST IN EMIGRANT, MT

James and Marian Kozlik operate a WWOOF farm on Capricorn Drive in Emigrant, Montana, a 4-acre rural home site. They have developed an educational permaculture homestead for people interested in self-reliance and living in community, sustainably and off the grid. In exchange for free room and board, they offer plenty of chores to choose from and plenty of down time to explore the beautiful Yellowstone area.

Some of the Kozlik's upcoming projects include creating

Visitors, or WWOOFers, spend about half of each day helping out on a host farm, learning about organic farming and sustainable agriculture, and receiving room and board during their visit—with no money



WWOOF is not a hound dog—it's a worldwide organization and effort to link visitors with organic farmers, to promote an educational exchange, and to build a global community conscious of ecological farming practices.

WWOOF was founded in 1971 in the UK, and is one of the world's first educational and cultural exchange programs. Today, WWOOF is in more than 132 countries around the world (and growing), with a wide range of farm-stay opportunities. WWOOF programs operate independently in each country, so please contact individual WWOOF organizations directly for the most



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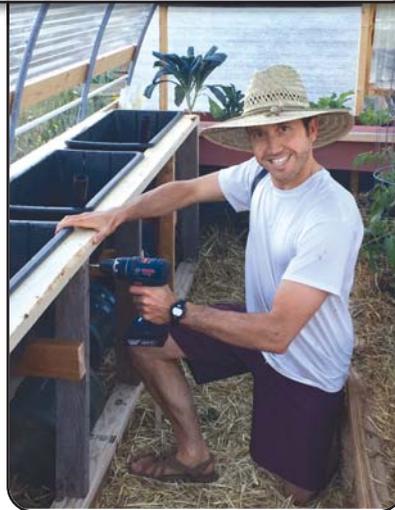
another hoop house, developing more bee and insect motels, gardening, and creating terrace garden beds. Field trips might include



a trip to a local monarch butterfly way station that releases monarchs. You may help retrofit existing buildings, expand and maintain current gardens, learn interpersonal skills, learn about land use, planning and design, create microclimates, forage for wild edibles, and maybe take part in community activism.

James recently had this to say, *“This is our fifth year with the WWOOF program. We get people from all over the world: Japan, Belgium, France, and other countries. It’s quite a mix of people, age mostly early-to-late 20s, some*

early 30s. Our eldest request was from a 70 year old! Even though we are a small homestead, we have been recognized by the organization as a certified “farm.” The Permaculture motto is care of earth, care of people and sharing surplus. We get to do that with this program. The payoff is meeting all the wonderful young people and world-wide travelers! This small service has enriched our lives.” ■



Contact James and Marian Kozlik at (406) 220-1563. Stays are limited to one or two weeks. Participants stay in a private room. Applications and registration for your stay is done through WWOOFUSA.com. Membership fee is \$40 for a single and \$65 for a couple and it is valid for one year.



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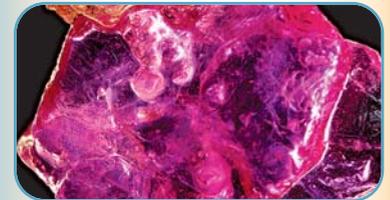
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